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1. DISCUSSION BEGAN IN THIRD COMMITTEE JULY 14 AND CON-
CLUDED JULY 18 ON SUBJECT AGENDA ITEM.
2. DIRECTOR OF THE UN SAHELIAN OFFICE SUMMARIZED THE RE-
PORT OF THE SYG ON THE RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PRO-
GRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION (DP/326 AND CORR.1).
REPS OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, UNDP, FAO AND UNICEF EACH
DESCRIBED HOW THEIR AGENCY ASSISTED IN ADDRESSING THE
ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN
REGION.
3. SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., MADE STATE-
MENTS OUTLINING THEIR BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA.
THE U.S. STATEMENT WAS MADE ON JULY 17:

BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHAIRMAN, I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD A
BRIEF COMMENT: THE U.S. PARTICIPATED IN THE DELIBERATIONS
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IN THE RECENT UNEP AND UNDP MEETINGS RELEVANT TO THE
EXPANSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE INTO
A JOINT UNDP/UNEP VENTURE -- AND WE ARE PLEASED
AT THE DECISIONS REACHED. THE U.S.'S CONCERN FOR THE
RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION
IS DEMONSTRATED BY THE AUTHORIZATION BY OUR
CONGRESS OF \$200 MILLION FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO

THAT REGION. PRESIDENT CARTER IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED
IN FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS OF THE SAHEL.
AND MRS. LILLIAN CARTER, THE PRESIDENT'S MOTHER, WILL BE
VISITING SOME OF THE DROUGHT-AFFECTED COUNTRIES IN ORDER
TO GIVE THE PRESIDENT A FIRST-HAND REPORT.
FINALLY, WE HAVE STATED ON A PREVIOUS OCCASION,
THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT ANY POTENTIAL DROUGHT
EMERGENCY SHOULD NOT DETRACT OUR ATTENTION AND
PRIORITIES FROM THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. IN
THE EVENT OF ANY SUCH EMERGENCY, SUPPLEMENTARY FUNDING
SOURCES SHOULD BE FOUND. END TEXT.

4. RESOLUTIONS OUTLINED REFTEL ADOPTED BY
CONSENSUS. U.S. AS WELL AS UPPER VOLTA, EHTIOPIA,
LESOTHO, MAURITANIA, NIGERIA, SUDAN, TOGO, UGANDA,
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON,
TANZANIA, FRANCE AND SENEGAL WERE COSPONSORS.
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